SENATE

REPORT 105-407

DANTE FASCELL BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER DESIGNATION ACT

OCTOBER 10 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. Murkowski, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2468]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (S. 2468) to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and an amendment to the title and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

- 1. On page 2, lines 2 and 7, strike "Center at Biscayne National
- Park"." and insert "Center".".

 2. Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to designate the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center.".

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of S. 2468 is to designate the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

Congressman Dante Fascell's long history of public service began in the Florida House of Representatives after his service in World War II. He was elected to Congress in 1955 and spent the following 36 years in office.

While in Congress, Dante Fascell chaired the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Arms Control, International Security, and Science.

Congressman Fascell was a strong supporter for protecting and improving the qualify of Florida's natural resources. He had a significant role in the creation of Everglades and the Biscayne National Parks. Congressman Fascell battled to protect South Florida's national parks and led the successful effort to establish the national marine sanctuary in the Florida Keys during the 101st Congress.

The naming of the visitor center after Dante Fascell will serve as a lasting tribute to his long-time efforts to protect the environ-

ment for future generations.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 2468 was introduced on September 14, 1998 by Senators Graham and Mack and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

At its business meeting on September 24, 1998, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered S. 2468, favorably reported, as amended.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TABULATION OF VOTES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on September 24, 1998, by a unanimous voice vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass S. 2468 if amended as described herein.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

During the consideration of S. 2468, the Committee adopted an amendment which changes the name of the bill from, "To designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park" to "A Bill to designate the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center". The amendment also makes a technical correction.

SUMMARY OF S. 2468

S. 2468 names the visitor center at Biscayne National Park as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center, after former Congressman Dante Fascell.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of costs of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office.

> U.S. CONGRESS, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, Washington, DC, September 25, 1998.

Hon. Frank H. Murkowski,

Chairman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 2468, the Dante Fascall Biscayne National Park Visitor Center Designation Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. That CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

S. 2468—Dante Fascell Biscayne National Park Visitor Center Designation Act

S. 2468 would change the name of the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center to the Dante Fascell Visitor Center.

CBO estimates that the cost to the federal government of implementing S. 2468—primarily revising signs and other materials over the next few years—would be negligible. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2468 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out S. 2468. The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards of significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy. Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from enactment of S. 2468, as ordered reported.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

On September 3, 1998, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources requested legislative reports from the Department of the Interior and the Office of Management and Budget setting forth Executive agency recommendations on S. 2468. These reports had not been received at the time the report on S. 2468 was filed. When these reports become available, the Chairman will request that they be printed in the Congressional Record for the advice of the Senate.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by S. 2468, as ordered reported.

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